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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING EXPIRATION-DATED  
PRODUCTS UTILIZING AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT

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ABSTRACT FOR DISCLOSURE

10 The present invention provides apparatus, systems and  
methods by which information concerning the shelf-life  
limitations of a particular product item is made available to the  
purchaser electronically; that the electronically recorded shelf-  
life limitation information is provided to, or made accessible  
by, the purchaser; that the electronically recorded shelf-life  
limitation information is communicated to a computer equipped  
with a microprocessor, or to a computer system network,  
15 accessible by the purchaser, programmed to receive the shelf-life  
limitation data for each product for that purchaser; that the  
computer or purchaser-accessible computer system network, is  
further programmed to provide the purchaser with on-screen and/or  
printed reports of various formats that list the items purchased  
20 and the corresponding shelf-life limitation information; and that  
the computer or purchaser-accessible computer system network  
provides interactivity with the purchaser to allow the purchaser  
to identify further information to the computer/network, such as  
identifying location information of each particular product item,  
25 and the inventory status of each particular product item, e.g.,  
whether the product has been opened or has been discarded.

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